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This Reply is being filed in response to the Office Action dated June 30, 2003 (Paper No. 19). Reconsideration of this application is requested.

Claims 1, 3, 4, and 6 are now rejected as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 2,419,134 to Hall in view of newly cited U.S. Patent 4,680,869 to Murkens. Reconsideration is requested.

One advantage of the present invention is that the spike, by itself, centers the attachment element, while the magnetic material ensures that the attachment element rests on the surface without any other connection.